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HINDI IN SCIENCE EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about `Science Express` being run with German collaboration;

(b) if so, the details thereof with travel routes;

(c) whether adequate vocabulary of science in Hindi language in the above said express has been neglected;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has any legal binding to work in official language with priority; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINSTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Itinerary of Science Express is as per Annexure.

(c) to (f): No, Sir. Each of the 12 exhibition coaches of Science Express is based on a theme addressing a frontier area of science. Designed, developed and produced aesthetically, the exhibits tell the story in simple English. Theme of each coach has been projected in Hindi and put up prominently at the entry of each coach. An illustrated booklet in Hindi that describes salient developments in different areas of science will be given to visitors. A conscious effort has been made to ensure that each Science Educators, mostly graduates in science or engineering, deployed in each coach speak Hindi and at least one regional language fluently.